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- 18 0CT 2.6 1999 MS. ROBERTS: My name is Kimberly Roberts.
- 19 I'm here on behalf of Physicians for Social Responsibility.
- 20 It is a national organization of approximately 20,000
- 21 members. We are the United States affiliate of the
- 22 international physicians for the prevention of nuclear war,

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- 1 recipients of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.
- 2 We are dismayed with the DOE's rush plan to
- 3 transport nuclear waste across the country to a final
 - 4 destination that is as a permanent waste repository. The
- 5 DEIS concedes there would be fewer debts and injuries if the
- 6 DOE allowed wastes terminated at the existing power plants
- 7 and storage sites. Yet there is still the push to send waste
- 8 to Yucca Mountain.

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- 9 We ask the DOE to put health and safety
- 10 above industry profit by stopping this premature decision,
- 11 which is the Yucca Mountain repository. Yucca Mountain
- 12 should be removed from consideration as a permanent
- 13 repository and waste should be stored at the site of origin
- 14 until EIS's safe permanent site and transportation proposal
- 15 are confirmed. Thank you.
- 16 MR. LAWSON: Thank you. Is there anyone
- 17 else who would like to speak? If not, before we break, I'd
- 18 just like to thank everybody for their time and effort in
- 19 putting to the comments and speaking before DOE today. As a
- 20 neutral facilitator, I appreciate everyone being respectful
- 21 and also staying within the guidelines that were established.
- 22 I know it's difficult when you have lots of comments to be